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SUBJECT: NATO MINISTERIAL: SENIOR LEVEL MEETING ON
BERLIN AND GERMANY

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1. U.S. REP PRESENTED SUGGESTED AGENDA AT BONN GROUP MEETING APRIL 13.
2. AD REF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON INCLUDING ITEMS

(A) COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE, (B) ASSESSMENT AND (D) STATUS OF INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS.

3. U.S. REP WAS ASKED FOR MORE DETAILED OUTLINE OF DEPARTMENT'S THINKING AS TO CONTENT OF THE PROPOSED PAPERS (C) AND (E), BERLIN IN THE CONTEXT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND ALLIED BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE GDR
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RESPECTIVELY. MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE QUESTION WAS RAISED WHETHER THERE IS NOT SOME OVERLAP BETWEEN ITEMS (B) AND (C) AND HOW THE TWO PAPERS COULD BE SEPARATED. WITH RESPECT TO (E), FRG REP ASSUMED THAT IT WAS INTENDED FOR THE US, UK AND FRANCE EACH TO PREPARE SEPARATE PAPERS OR TO BRIEF THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS FOR ORAL

PRESENTATIONS. FROM THE LANGUAGE OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL, THE U.S. REP EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE U.S. PROPOSAL IS TO HAVE THE BONN GROUP PREPARE A JOINT PAPER. REALIZING THAT THE THREE POWERS HAVE SOME DIFFERENCES OF VIEW REGARDING THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS, THE DRAFTERS OF THE BONN GROUP PAPER WOULD SUPPOSEDLY REFLECT THE COMMON POINTS OF VIEW AS WELL AS THE DIFFERENCES AND THE UNDERLYING RATIONALE IN EACH CASE. THE QUESTION WAS ALSO RAISED WHETHER SUCH A PAPER OR PAPERS WOULD MERELY REVIEW THE ALLIED BILATERAL RELATIONS OR ALSO VET THEIR IMPLICATIONS. U.S. REP REPLIED IT COULD PRESUMABLY BE EITHER OR BOTH.

4. UK REP SAID THAT, SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON, THE FCO MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO (E).

5. FRENCH REP (DE BOISSIEU) SUGGESTED THAT A SIXTH ITEM BE ADDED, "BERLIN AND THE EEC." (COMMENT: THIS IS A PET PROJECT OF DE BOISSIEU'S AND HE TABLED A PAPER FOR BONN GROUP CONSIDERATION ON MARCH 2. THE STUDY FOCUSES ON TWO CATEGORIES OF PROBLEMS WHICH WILL ARISE IN THE NEAR FUTURE: (1) THE COMPATABILITY OF EEC ACTIVITIES WITH "ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES;" AND (2) THE COMPATABILITY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN COMMON POLICIES AND PRACTICES WITH THE QA AND INNER-GERMAN AGREEMENTS.)

6. UK, FRG AND FRENCH REPS ALSO URGED THAT WE PROVIDE A DRAFT FOUR-POWER DECLARATION ASAP FOR BONN GROUP CON-
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SIDERATION.

7. A BONN GROUP MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 15 TO DISCUSS AGENDA AGAIN IN LIGHT OF AN ELABORATION OF DEPARTMENT'S THINKING. PLEASE PROVIDE THEREFORE:

A. A SOMEWHAT MORE DETAILED OUTLINE OF WHAT DEPARTMENT ENVISAGES AS BEING CONTAINED IN (C);

B. CLARIFICATION OF (E);

C. WHETHER DEPARTMENT AGREES TO PROPOSAL FOR SIXTH ITEM ON BERLIN AND EEC;

D. ANY ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AS APPROPRIATE.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: URGENT GUIDANCE.
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